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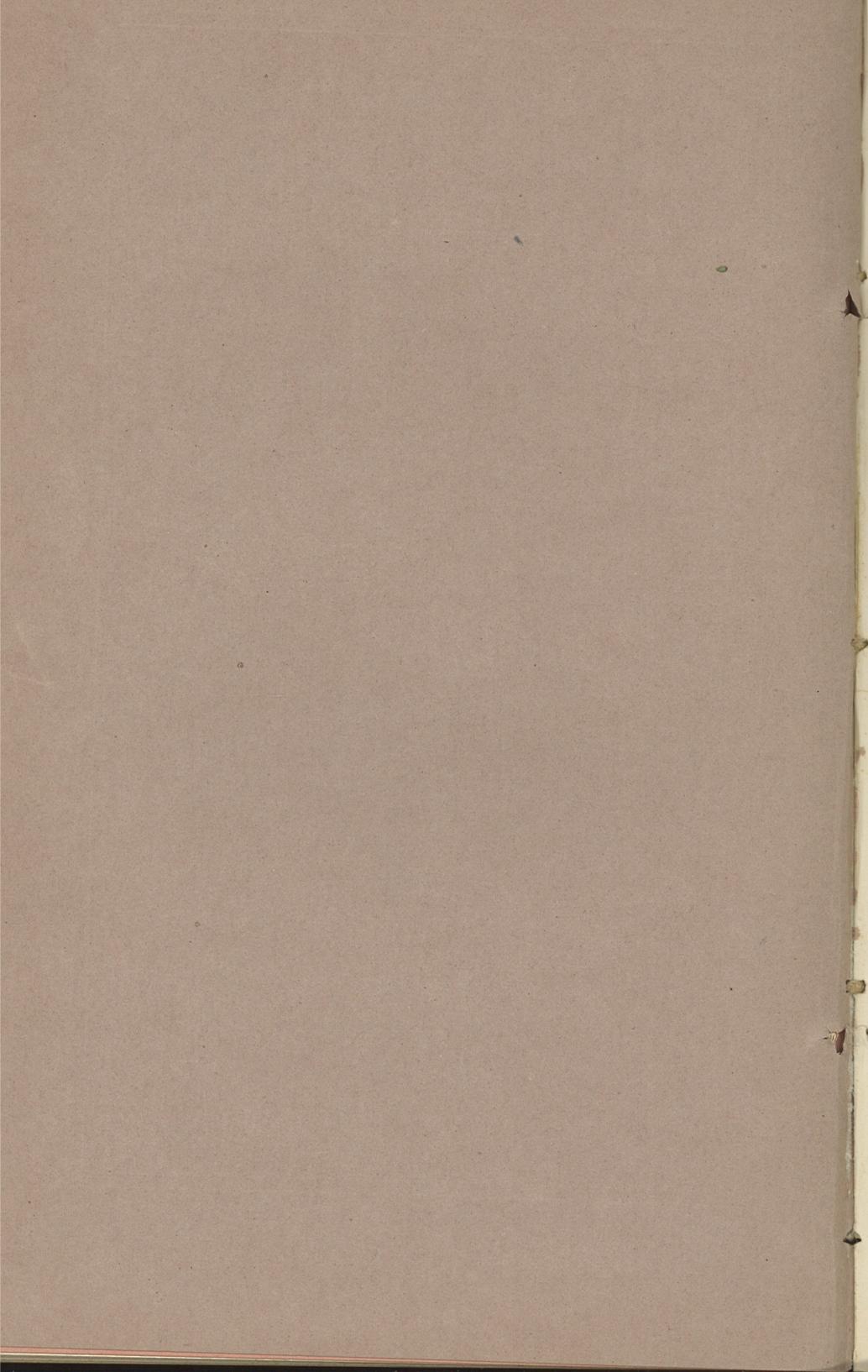
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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

DURING the past year considerable advance has been made in the excavation and improvement of Halcyon Lake, the dryness of the season permitting the work commenced in the autumn of 1871 to be continued during the winter months.

Improvements have also been made in Hazel Dell, Palm, Maple, Sycamore and Yew Avenues, the Watriss Lot, vicinity of the Engine-house and other localities, and a house has been erected for the accommodation of the swans and other water fowl.

The Watriss Lot has been connected with the Cemetery by the removal of the stockade which formed the division line, and a substantial wooden fence has been erected on the new boundary.

The drainage of Spruce Avenue and the surrounding territory has long been the subject of careful consideration, and conferences have been held with proprietors whose lots are affected, but all plans heretofore suggested, if feasible at all, would have involved large expenditures.

Recently negotiations have been concluded for the purchase of the "Chant Lot," containing about two and one-half acres of land, the possession of which it is believed will enable a plan to be matured for the drainage of the low section at a reasonable cost; securing also a desirable addition to the Cemetery.

In August last a monumental statue, imitated from the Sphinx of antiquity, and designed to commemorate the great war of American conservation, was placed on its pedestal in front of the Chapel at Mount Auburn. It is cut from a single block of Hallowell Granite, fifteen feet long, by about eight feet in height, the face alone measuring three feet in length.

It is a gift to the Proprietors of the Cemetery from the late President, Dr. Jacob Bigelow, and was executed under his direction by Martin Milmore, the distinguished sculptor.

The pedestal is of a plain oblong form, with emblems and inscriptions. Its emblems are simple, being on the southern end a figure of the Egyptian Lotus, and on the northern the American Water Lily. On the two remaining sides are inscriptions, one in Latin, the other in English, as follows:—

AMERICA CONSERVATA

AFRICA LIBERATA

POPULO MAGNO ASSURGENTE

HEROUM SANGUINE FUSO.

AMERICAN UNION PRESERVED

AFRICAN SLAVERY DESTROYED

BY THE UPRIISING OF A GREAT PEOPLE

BY THE BLOOD OF FALLEN HEROES.

This beautiful work of art has been formally transferred to the Corporation, and the Trustees have caused the following inscription to be placed thereon:—

JACOB BIGELOW STATUIT ET DEDICAVIT.

Detailed accounts of the transactions of the Corporation will be found in the accompanying reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

The Permanent Fund for the future care and embellishment of the Cemetery, has been increased by the deposit of \$6,272.59, and with accrued interest now amounts to \$143,882.34.

The Repair Fund has received during the year for new endowments \$11,300, and now amounts to \$90,478.41.

In addition to these Funds the Corporation has available assets estimated at \$31,555.86, exclusive of real estate outside of the Cemetery.

At the last Annual Meeting the Trustees were instructed to procure a suitable testimonial as a token of appreciation of the long continued and faithful services of Dr. Bigelow as President and Trustee. After consultation, it was decided that the most desirable method by which the Board could execute the wishes of the Proprietors, was to cause a marble bust of their distinguished colleague to be placed in the Chapel at Mount Auburn. This plan was found to be highly acceptable to Dr. Bigelow, and the celebrated sculptor, Mr. Henry Dexter was intrusted with the execution of the work. His labors have been successfully completed, and the bust placed upon a bracket prepared for its reception in the Chapel.

Some weeks since Dr. Bigelow transmitted to the Board a communication as follows:—

BOSTON, DEC. 10, 1872.

JOHN T. BRADLEE, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:

I request you to communicate at the next meeting of the Trustees of Mount Auburn Cemetery, my resignation, by no means premature, of the office of Trustee of that institution.

On leaving the long familiar meetings of Mount Auburn, with which I have been associated for more than forty years, I would not fail to give utterance to the satisfaction which we must all feel that an enterprise which was new a few years since, has become an object of successful imitation in all parts of this continent.

With sincere acknowledgments for the uniform courtesy and kindness which I have received from the Trustees and the Corporation,

Yours with respect and regard,

(Signed.)

JACOB BIGELOW.

At the unanimous and urgent solicitation of his associates, as expressed in a letter of which the following is a copy, he has consented to withdraw his resignation and allow the use of his name for re-election at this time.

BOSTON, DEC. 14, 1872.

DR. JACOB BIGELOW,

DEAR SIR:

The undersigned, members of the Board of Trustees of Mount Auburn, have received with deep regret your communication to the President of the Corporation announcing your resignation of the office of Trustee.

Your name has been identified with the foundation and successful development of the Institution, and we are sure we express the wishes of every member of the Corporation in asking the withdrawal of this letter.

Believing that your resignation at any time would be premature, we sincerely hope you will accede to this request.

Truly and respectfully yours,

(Signed.)

JOHN T. BRADLEE,
ALFRED T. TURNER,
WILLIAM PERKINS,
SAMUEL T. SNOW,
HENRY W. PICKERING.
NATHANIEL J. BRADLEE,
EDWARD LAWRENCE,
JAMES L. LITTLE,
CHARLES F. CHOATE,
ISAAC LIVERMORE,
THOMAS M. BREWER.

The Trustees believe that the wishes of the Proprietors will be in full accord with their own, that the originator and founder of Mount Auburn, to whom the Cemetery is so largely indebted for its successful and honorable history, shall continue to benefit the Corporation by his experience and counsel as long as his life may be spared.

For the Trustees,

JOHN T. BRADLEE,

President.

Boston, January, 1873.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

GENTLEMEN.—

I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Reports of the Superintendent, for the year ending December 31st, 1872.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of New Lots graded and bounded with Granite Posts.....	43
" " Old Lots improved by being graded and sodded.....	150
" " Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts.....	28
" " Lots enclosed with Granite or Freestone.....	55
" " Lots furnished with Granite or Iron Numbers.....	850
" " Iron Fences erected.....	4
" " Tombs built.....	4
" " Tombs rebuilt.....	1
" " Headstones erected.....	136
" " Monuments erected.....	28
" " Linear feet of Gutters paved.....	1,752
" " Linear feet of Gutters repaved.....	750
" " Iron Fences removed.....	8
" " Hedges removed.....	6

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of Interments as per last Report.....	17,200
Number of Original Interments for the year ending December 31st, 1872.....	532
" " Removals from other Cemeteries.....	307
Total number of Interments for the year.....	839
" " " " " in Cemetery to date.....	18,039
Of the above there were Deposits in the Receiving Tomb.....	44
" " " " " Interments in the Public Lots.....	38

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To the Receiving Tomb.....	0
" Receiving Tomb Lot.....	0
" Public Lots.....	3
To Private Lots.....	55
Total Removals within the Cemetery.....	— 58
" " from the Cemetery.....	31
" Number of Removals.....	89

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FOLSOM,

Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mount Auburn, December 31, 1872.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER Reports the following Abstract of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES for the Forty-first year, 1872.

Cash balance from the preceding year.....	\$81.97
He has received from sundry parties:—	
For Sale of Lots, and Graves in Public Lots.....	\$33,780.76
" Deeds and Transfers, etc.....	355.00
" Labor and Materials, as follows:	
Interments and Brick Graves.....	\$ 7,114.58
Wood, Apples, Hay, etc.....	287.55
Rents.....	240.00
Greenhouse Sales.....	615.59
Annual Care of Lots.....	14,441.52
Filling, grading, sodding, building Tombs, and other improvements of Lots.....	29,578.50
	52,277.74
From Income of Investments.....	1,342.14
" Massachusetts Horticultural Society,—	
For one-quarter part of Expenditures, as follows:—	
Filling up and Improving Land on Cowslip Path,	
Spruce and Mound Avenues.....	\$ 88.43
Fountain Avenue, Cesspool and Drain.....	167.50
Engine House Improvements.....	682.18
Hazel Dell Improvements.....	421.63
Grading between Sycamore and Maple Avenues.	533.51
Grading at Palm Avenue.....	474.31
Excavation and Drainage of Halycon Lake...	8,013.46
Indian Ridge Path.....	40.26
Petunia and Acanthus Paths.....	17.25
Grading on Watriss Lot.....	643.50
Dell and Ivy Paths.....	61.62
Wistaria Path.....	203.50
Near Sycamore and Yew Avenues.....	494.45
	11,841.60
Expended on New Receiving Tomb.....	2,819.39
Watriss Lot, New Board Fence.....	2,387.82
	111,937.84
One-quarter of.....	17,048.81 is 4,262.20
" Notes Receivable.....	7,500.00
" Sale of Bank and Railroad Stocks.....	10,920.00
" Repair Fund.....	1,500.00
	\$112,019.81

He has paid to sundry parties — for Labor and Materials :—

Bricks.....	\$ 813.00
Cart, Carriage Repairs, and Horseshoeing.....	741.91
Coal for Engine, Chapel and Greenhouse.....	679.65
Cutting Granite.....	1,267.15
Carpentering.....	264.13
Cesspools and Drains.....	323.00
Copying Records.....	72.18
Drawbacks.....	357.00
Engineering, Surveying, and Copying Plans.....	1,381.15
Freight and Carting.....	376.62
Granite and Block Stone.....	908.61
Granite Posts.....	597.63
Grain, Meal and Hay.....	1,084.25
Horse.....	400.00
Hardware and Cordage.....	185.15
Harness and Repairs.....	75.12
Iron and Steel.....	136.26
Interment Department.....	357.43
Lumber and Sawing.....	223.83
Lead.....	237.34
Lime and Cement.....	936.40
Manure and Loam.....	2,988.54
Marble and Marble Work.....	217.59
Paving Stones.....	78.09
Paving Gutters.....	362.00
Pay Roll.....	38,933.74
Pots, Vases, Plants for Greenhouse and Cemetery—Birds.....	1,492.61
Paints and Oils.....	72.03
Repairs Engine-house, Engine and Pumps.....	51.62
Repairs of Buildings.....	1,624.51
Repairs of Greenhouses.....	731.05
Sndry Expenses at Gate-office.....	168.59
Slates and Flagging.....	1,505.18
Smith Work.....	350.80
Sods.....	2,730.11
Sundries.....	395.71
Tiles.....	127.24
Tools.....	588.32
Water Rates.....	101.65

————— \$63,957.19

For Expenses — Salaries :—

C. W. Folsom, Superintendent.....	\$2,500.00
H. B. Mackintosh, Treasurer.....	2,000.00
Samuel Batchelder, Jr., Secretary.....	1,500.00
George G. Spear, Jr., Gatekeeper, (9 months).....	584.43

————— 6,584.43

Rent, Heating, Lighting, and Care of Office.....	926.40
Taxes on Real Estate.....	58.00
Insurance	953.75
Printing, Binding and Stationery.....	1,736.81
Postage and Revenue Stamps, Gov't Envelopes.....	708.69
Sundries	6.13

————— 4,389.78

To amount paid Mass. Horticultural Society for its proportion of Sales.	8,069.06
“ “ Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund..	6,272.59
“ “ Repair Fund for Interest.....	739.35
“ “ Stone Meadow—additional land.....	9.13
“ “ Notes Receivable.....	7,500.00
“ “ Part of Lot and Graves repurchased.....	104.50
“ “ Bust of Dr. Jacob Bigelow, (Testimonial).....	668.75
“ “ Digging and Draining Halcyon Lake.....	8,013.46
“ “ Expenses of Sphinx Statue.....	1,554.63
“ “ for Rear Fence, Watriss Lot.....	2,387.82
“ “ “ Improvements, Engine and Swan House	1,228.47
“ “ “ Account of New Receiving Tomb.....	457.29

————— 83.36

Balance in hands of Treasurer

————— \$112,019.81

THE PROPERTY
OF THE CORPORATION CONSISTS OF

The Cemetery, which has cost to date.....	\$532,214.32
Statuary.....	17,588.58
Superintendent's House and Lot.....	6,892.91
Stone Meadow.....	4,065.75
Wyeth Estate, (Reception House).....	9,092.03
Greenhouses.....	5,685.68
Water Works.....	11,361.29
Receiving Tomb.....	11,649.43
	\$598,549.99

CASH ASSETS.	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	83.36
Bills for Labor and Material Uncollected	\$34,498.16
Less due sundry parties	10,336.66
	\$24,161.50
Amount due for Lots sold and unpaid, nett.....	7,311.00
	31,555.86

PERMANENT FUND.	
Deposited with the Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., as per last Report.....	\$129,479.04
Income of same for 1872.....	8,130.71
Deposited in December, 1872.....	6,272.59
	143,882.34
	\$773,988.19

REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last Report.....	\$ 5,857.67
He has received:—	
For Endowments.....	11,300.00
" Income of Investments.....	5,929.66
" Notes Receivable.....	10,000.00
	\$33,087.33
He has paid for said Account:—	
For Care and Improvement of Lots.....	6,827.75
" Notes Receivable.....	10,000.00
" Bank and Railroad Stocks.....	10,920.00
" Loan to General Fund.....	1,500.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	3,839.58
	33,087.33

The Repair Fund consists of Notes Receivable, secured by Mortgage and other Collateral Securities.....	30,500.00
30 Shares Atlas National Bank.....	2,970.00
20 " Boston and Albany Railroad Co.....	1,721.25
20 " Shawmut National Bank.....	2,430.00
20 " Atlantic National Bank.....	2,700.00
5 " Boston and Lowell Railroad.....	3,190.00
20 " Fitchburg Railroad.....	2,600.00
United States 5-20 Bonds, \$39,300.....	40,527.58
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	3,839.58
	\$90,478.41

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, January 21st, 1873.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Two, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The Certificates of Stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the General Account, there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of \$83.36; and in the Fund for Repairs, \$3,839.58.

ALFRED T. TURNER, {
JAMES L. LITTLE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Boston, January 22nd, 1873.

